USER'S MANUAL

E-GRANTS CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION

TITLE IIA

IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY

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KEY



Critical Tip



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Green block arrows point to buttons or check boxes.



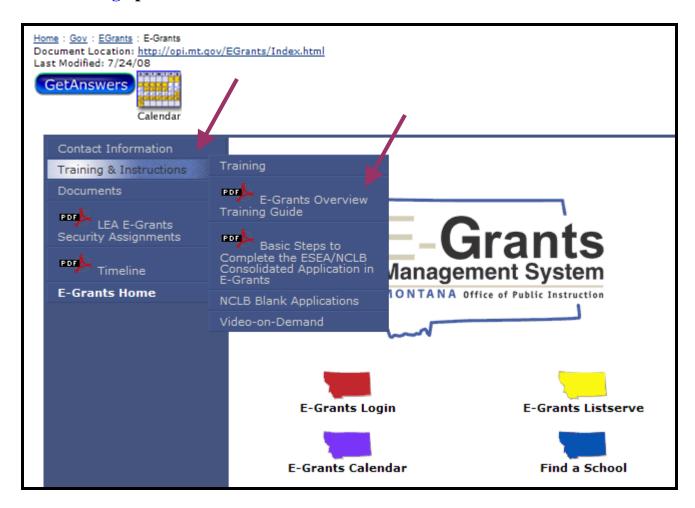
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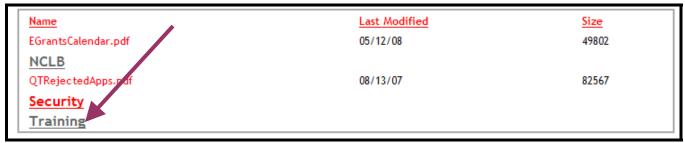
GETTING STARTED



Note: Various training and instruction files are available from the OPI E-Grants http://opi.mt.gov/EGrants/Index.html page:

Look under Training & Instructions. There are many helpful files accessible from the **Training** option:

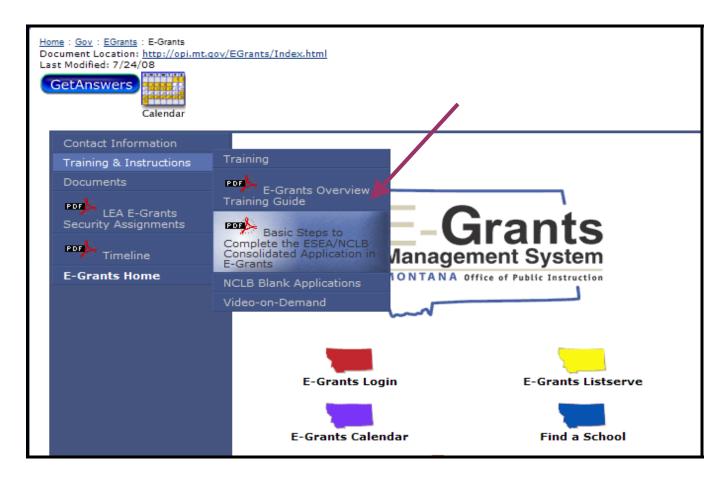




Title II, Part A

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2008ConsortiaSystemv3.pdf	03/17/08	40540
E-GrantsQuickTips.pdf	05/29/07	53806
E-GrantsSecurityInstrV2.pdf	04/12/07	553000
E-Grants_CashRequestExpenditures.pdf	09/27/07	819579
E-Grants_PageLockControl.pdf	04/12/07	639916
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ESEA-NCLB_Commitment.pdf	03/19/08	253876
Login_To_E-Grants.pdf	06/01/07	110146
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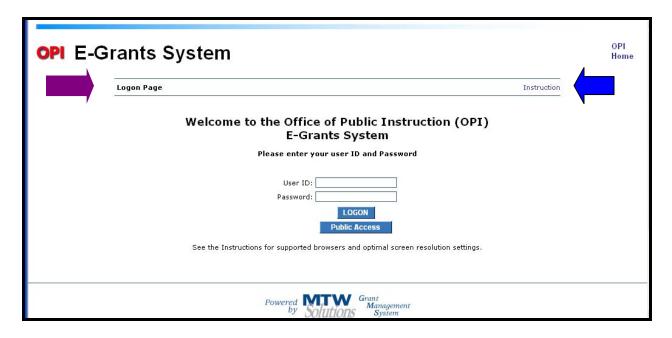
Especially helpful is the PDF file called Basic Steps to Complete the ESEA/NCLB Consolidated Application in E-Grants.





BEFORE YOU CAN DO INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM PAGES

Go to the Logon Page of the OPI E-Grants System, and read the Instructions. Then logon to the system.

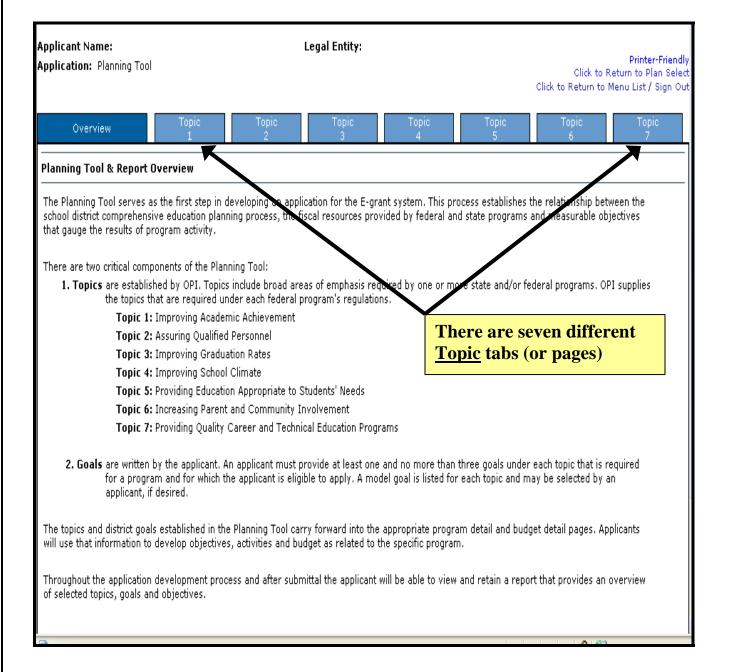


A successful logon to the E-Grants system will take you to the Menu List screen. Make sure you read the Instructions for this page. You will find many helpful hints concerning general operations and procedures in the E-Grants system.

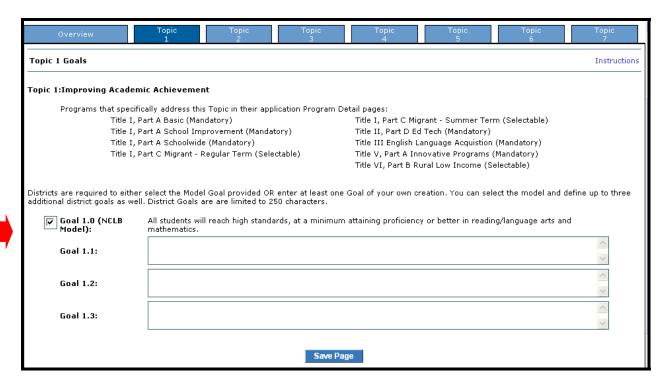
Before you do any work on the individual title pages, you must work through the Planning Tool pages. Select the Planning Tool from the Menu List.

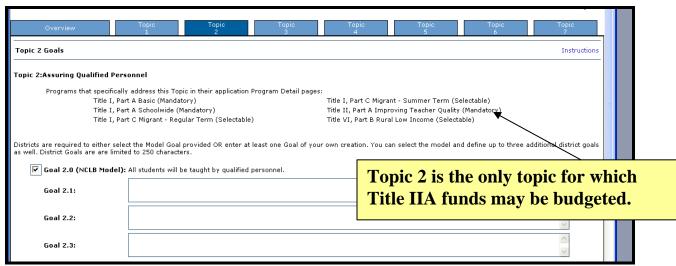


In the Planning Tool, there are seven different Topic tabs (or pages).

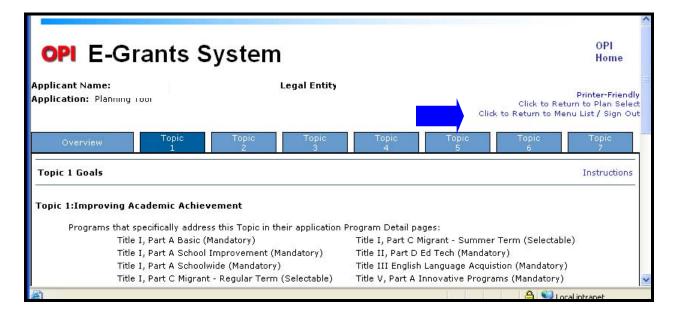


- You must specify at least one <u>goal</u> for each <u>topic</u>. You may either accept the NCLB Model Goal, or you may enter up to three <u>district-specific goals</u> in the text boxes provided.
- Make sure you Save every page before you leave it! (Click the Save Page button.)
- Goals specified for the title programs will be brought into the individual title Budget Detail and Activity pages.

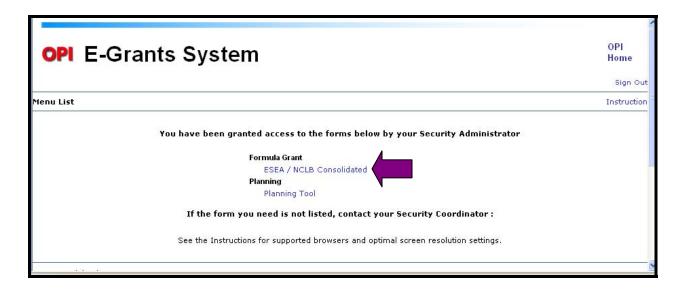




- Once the Planning Tool is completed:
 - Click on the **Return to Menu List**



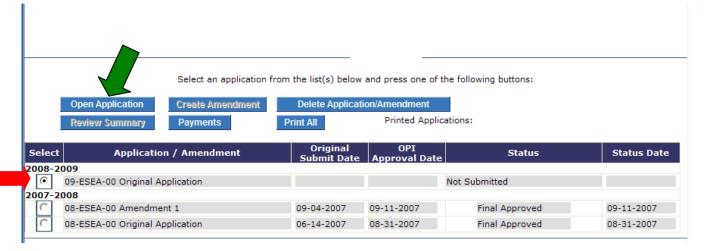
Click on ESEA/NCLB Consolidated



- This will take you to the Application Select screen:
 - If the district has not yet created an application, click on the Create Application button.
 - The Instructions link brings up a PDF file with helpful information and tips.



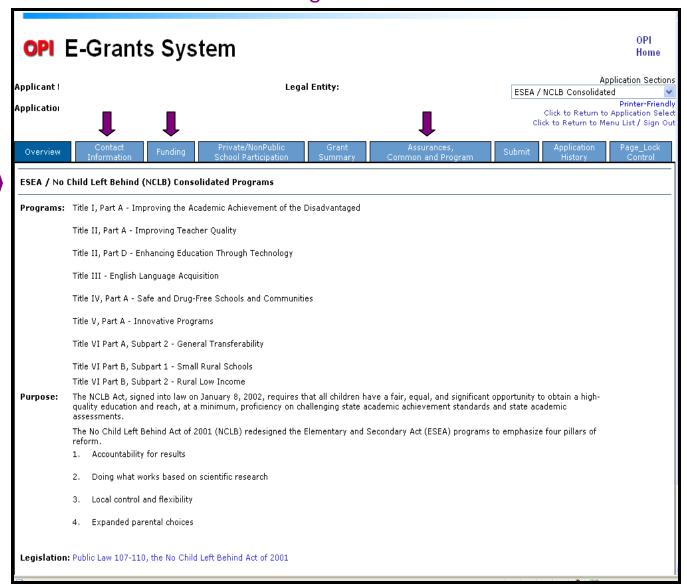
- If the district has already created an application:
 - At first, none of the buttons will be active.
 - Click in the radio button next to the application to activate appropriate buttons.
 - Then click on the Open Application button.





Either of these actions will open the application to the

ESEA/NCLB Consolidated Programs screen.



• On this page:

- Fill out the Contact Information tab. Make sure to include contacts for specific programs.
 - Complete phone number information for the authorized representative and the district clerk.

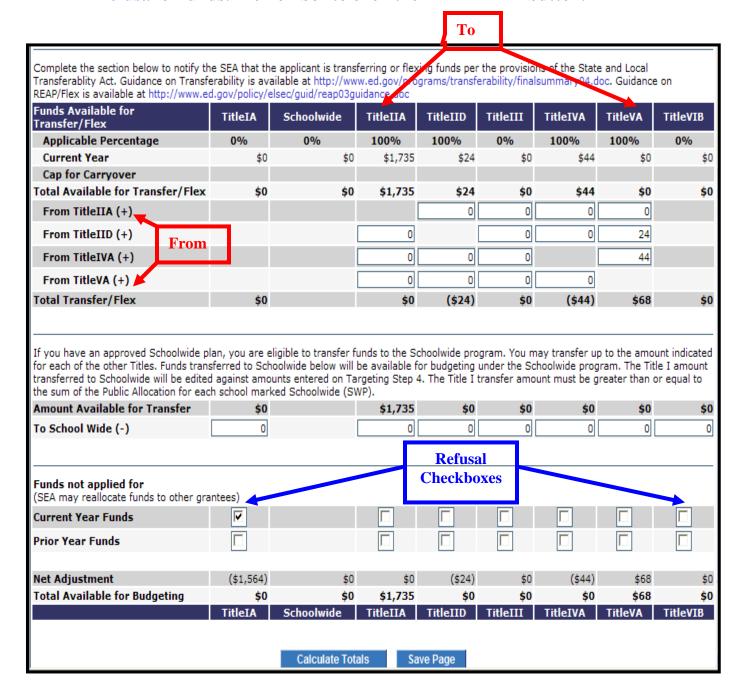
- Contact Information (continued)
- As shown below, scroll to the bottom of the Contact Information page and add e-mail addresses for people who should receive automated approval/disapproval notices. (These e-mails are automatically sent only to the login under which the application was submitted to the OPI.)

 Remember to click the Save Page button.

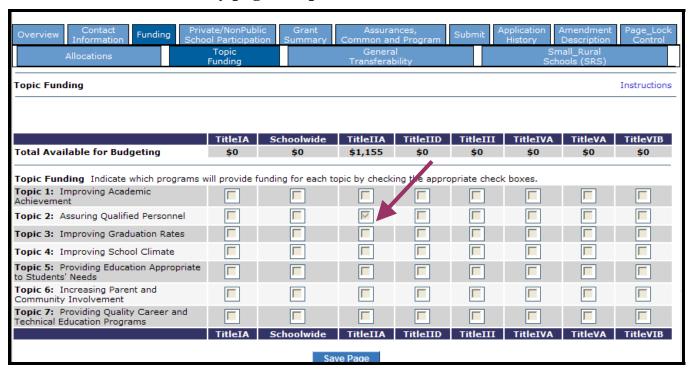
Title III Contact:
Title IV A Contact:
Title V A Contact:
Title VI Contact:
Application Approval / Disapproval Copy Email Addresses Check to add up to five (5) email addresses to receive copies of automated approval/disapproval notices. The Authorized Representative or Superintendent who submits the application does not need to be included in this list.
Save Page

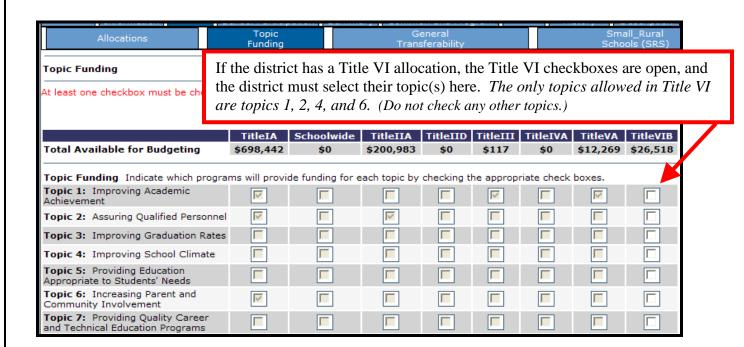
Click on the Funding tab. A page comes up showing the allocations for each title. Decide how you want to spend your money, keeping in mind the goals you have defined in the Planning Tool.

• Fill out the Funding/Allocations tab, specifying any fund transfers or refusal of funds. Remember to click the Save Page button.

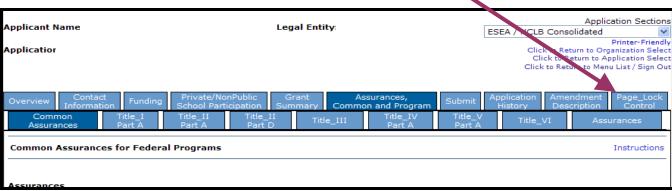


- Click on the Funding/Topic Funding tab. For each title with funds available for budgeting, this page displays the topics that were specified in the Planning Tool.
- This is a read-only page except for Title VI.



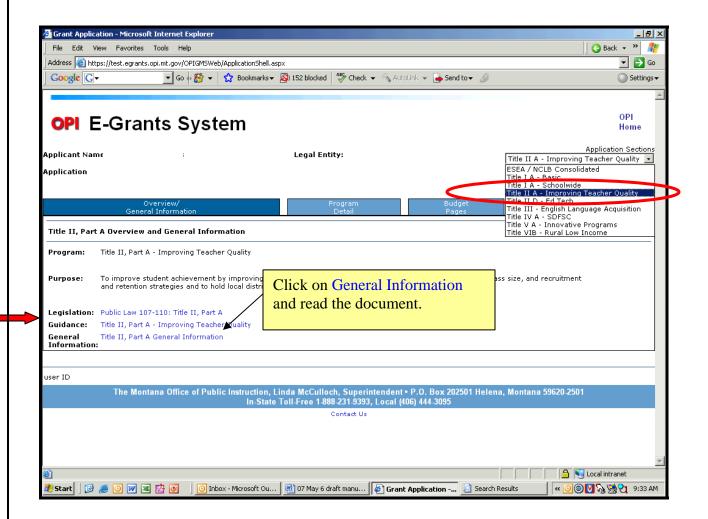


- If you are the Authorized Representative, fill out the Assurances tabs. The Authorized Representative must:
 - 1. Agree to the Common Assurances.
 - 2. Agree to individual program assurances for each title for which funds have been budgeted.
 - 3. Go to the final Assurances tab, and click the Legal Entity Agrees button.
- (See the Instructions links on these pages! Make sure you click on the Save Page button!)



Common Assurances	Title_I Part A		tle_II Title_			Title_V Part A	Title_VI	Assurances
Assurance Agree	ement							Instructions
The authorized reprovisions of the fo			s that he or she ha	s read, unders	stood and wil	Il comply w	rith all of the	
			as each of the ser ing must be check					
require agre	ement to those p	rogram assurance	nt is completed on s to pass consistent ensfer changes on t	ncy check. Exa	amples of fur	nding chan		
	Program	Tot	al Available for Budgeting					
	Common Assura	ances						
	Title I, A		14578					
	Title II, A		7665					
	Title II, D		220					
	Title III		0					
	Title IV, A		0					
	Title V, A		0					
	Title VI		0					
The assurances we	ere fully agreed to	on this date:						
			Legal Ent	ity Agrees	1			

Select Title II, Part A – Improving Teacher Quality from the drop-down box.

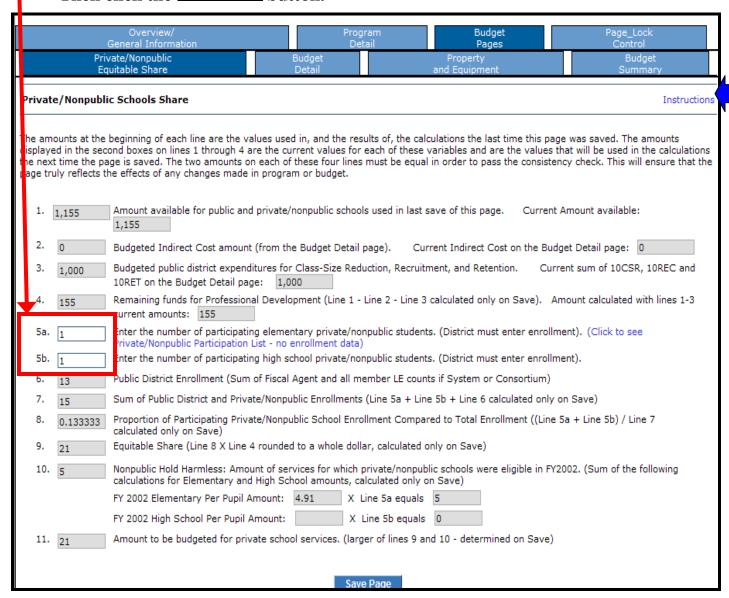


Notice that the <u>legislation</u> and <u>guidance</u> links will take you to the US Department of Education Web site.

Click on and read the **Title II**, Part A General Information

BUDGET PAGES

- Click on the Budget Pages Tab.
- This displays the Private/Nonpublic Equitable Share Tab.
- Note the Instructions file available for this page.
 - On this page you <u>MUST</u> enter numbers for private/nonpublic elementary and high school enrollment on lines 5a and 5b respectively.
 - Then click the Save Page button.



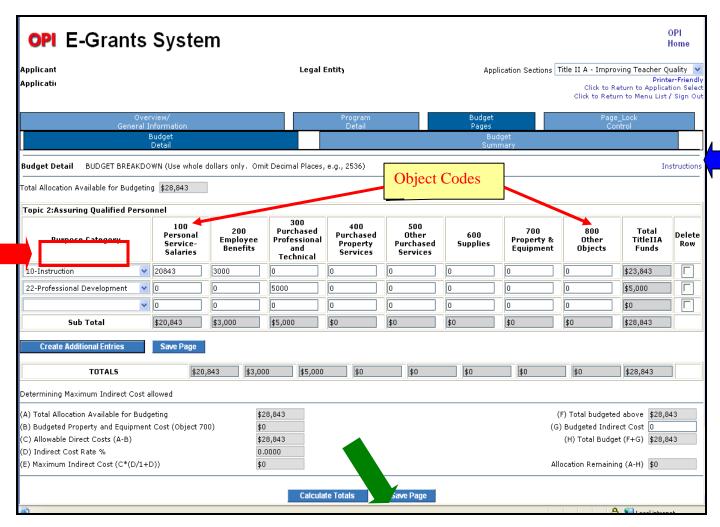


Whenever you make a change on the Budget Detail page, you must come back to the Private/Nonpublic Equitable Share page and click the Save Page button again to make sure the calculations are correct.



BUDGET DETAIL PAGE

- See the Instructions for descriptions of Purpose Categories and Object Codes
- The drop-down arrow in the Purpose Category column allows you to choose one of four <u>Purpose Categories</u> corresponding to the four activities available on the Program Detail page. In each row on the Budget Detail page, choose the Purpose Category for the Activity where you are going to spend your Title IIA funds.
- Within each Purpose Category, budget the funds in the proper **Object Codes**.
 - Note: Object code 300 is where you put your curriculum cooperative costs.



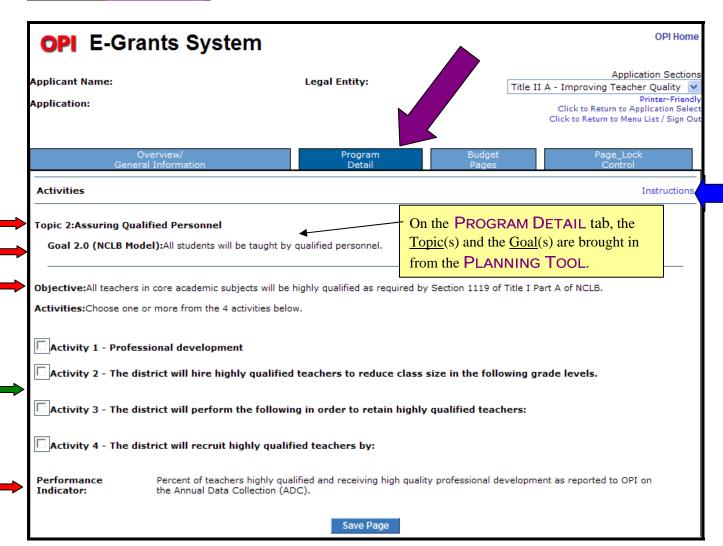


- The Calculate Totals button does not save the data; it gives you running totals as you work.
- Click the Save Page button to both calculate and save the page. The page will not save until the budget is balanced.
 - Be sure you do not leave the page before the Save is complete.



PROGRAM DETAIL TAB

Choosing Activities:





Note: The Activities (pages 17-20 of this manual) implemented and the corresponding entries on the Budget Detail (page 15 of this manual) must align with the Topic, Goal(s), Objective, and Performance Indicator listed on this page.

- If this title program has funds available, at least one of the Activities must be checked.
- Clicking any of the Activity boxes will check the box and will open areas requesting more information.

Activity 1: <u>Professional Development in the core areas for teachers, principals, and paraprofessionals</u>

• Please click on the <u>Criteria for High Quality Professional Development</u> link and study the criteria.

Activities: Choose one or more from the 4 activities Activity 1 - Professional development	5 below.		
(Please review: Criteria for High Quality Pro	ofessional Development activity using Titl	e II, Part A funds)	
a. The district will provide professional devi	elopment for core teachers, principals, an	nd paraprofessionals in the following core areas:	
☑ English, Reading and Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	
Civics and Government	History	Geography	
Foreign Languages	Arts	Economics	
b. The types of professional development to	opics funded with Title II, Part A will inclu	de:	
✓ Improve teaching practices	Alternative learning styles	▼Improving student behavior	
Early intervention strategies	Parent Involvement strategies	Use of data to drive instruction	
Technology integration	Team-teaching strategies	Strategies to increase student achievement	
Briefly describe. (500 Character Maximum)			
reading scores.	-	then they return, they will work in grade-level groups to collorate to raise iplinary groups to reduce bullying incidents and to teach other staff MBI	4
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- 1. Check at least one core area in group (a) checkboxes.
- 2. Check at least one type of professional development to be offered in (b).
- 3. Specifically describe your planned activities in the text box and include how the activities will meet the criteria for high quality professional development as shown in the screen shot above.

CLICK THE Save Page BUTTON WHEN DONE!

Required fields: The application cannot be saved or submitted if

- 1. Any of the three items above are left blank.
- 2. The information exceeds the maximum number of characters.

NOTE: The text boxes will accept a large amount of information, but will not save it. To be sure you do not exceed the limits, please write your response to the text box in Word then use Word Count on the Tools menu to count the characters including spaces. Remember, E-Grants will not accept formatted text.

Activity 2: Hiring highly qualified teachers to reduce class size

Number of teachers hired to redu	ce class size: 4.50		
Grade to be reduced	Subject to be reduced (9-12 and Other required if student count entered)	Students / Teacher before reduction	Students / Teacho after reduction
K		28	15
1		25	18
2		21	19
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9	Mathematics	39	20
10			
11			
12			
12 Other (Identify in subject)			

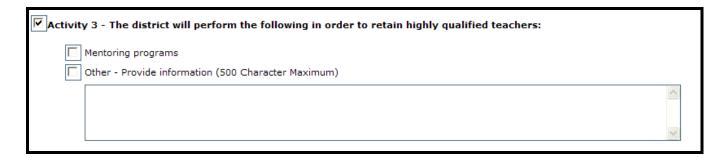
- Fill in the number of highly qualified core content teachers to be hired to reduce class size (the field will accept up to two decimal places).
- Fill in the number of students per teacher before and after reduction.
- If grades 9-12 or Other are selected, a subject or description is required. (For grades K-8 a subject *may* be entered.)
- Give a short description of Other, such as "grade 3-4 combo" if you are breaking a grade combination into two separate grades.

Required fields: The application cannot be saved or submitted if any of these are left blank:

- 1. Number of highly qualified teachers to be hired
- 2. Number of students before and after reduction
- 3. Subject for grades 9-12 and Other

CLICK THE Save Page BUTTON WHEN DONE!

Activity 3: Retaining highly qualified teachers



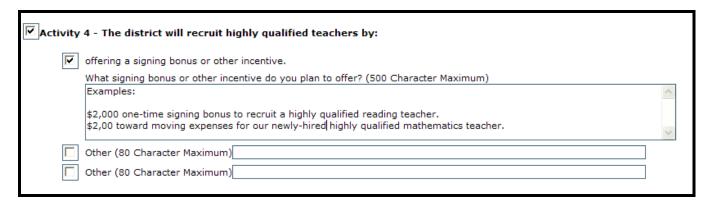


Note: Retention of highly qualified core area teachers can be a union issue, so please check your negotiated agreement.

- Since teachers often leave in their first years of service, mentoring is commonly selected.
- Only highly qualified core content area teachers with a record of improving student achievement can be retained with Title IIA funds.
- No raises may be given, no salaries may be paid, and no retention bonus may be rotated among members of a small staff to counter low wages or benefits. This is supplanting local responsibility.
- If Other is chosen, provide a short description. There is a limit of 500 characters on this field.
- Required fields: If Activity 3 is selected, there must be a check in one of the two choices. The application cannot be saved or submitted if no boxes are checked.

Save Page CLICK THE BUTTON WHEN DONE!

Activity 4: Recruiting highly qualified teachers





Note: Recruitment of highly qualified core area teachers can be a union issue, so please check your negotiated agreement.

- Only highly qualified core content teachers for hard-to-fill positions may be recruited with Title IIA funds.
- Recruitment incentives are a one-time encouragement to join your staff, not ongoing compensation. Retention incentives cannot be used to raise a teacher's salary or to provide permanent increases in salary or benefits.
- If Activity 4 is selected, there must be a check in one of the three boxes and a brief description in the text box.

Required fields: The application cannot be saved or submitted if:

- 1. No boxes are checked
- 2. The information exceeds the maximum number of characters NOTE: The first text box (500 character maximum) will accept a large amount of information, but will not save it. The other two text boxes allow entry of only 80 characters. You may write your text box response in Word, then do a Tools/Word Count to count the characters including spaces to be sure that you do not exceed the limits, then copy the text into E-Grants. Remember, E-Grants does not accept formatted text such as bulleted lists.

CLICK THE Save Page BUTTON WHEN DONE!



SUMMARY OF TIPS FOR COMPLETING E-GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Before starting an application:

- Go to the E-Grants web page at: http://opi.mt.gov/EGrants/Index.html
- Select
 - o Training and Instructions/Training/Training
 - E-GrantsQuickTips.pdf these instructions were written for last year's application, and are no longer accurate for features that have been updated this year (for example, Private/Nonpublic pages, Assurances).
- **Or** select Training & Instructions/E-Grants Overview Training Guide.pdf Note that some program changes have been made since this file was written, in particular the Private/Nonpublic pages and the Assurances pages.

Complete these pages before completing program pages:

- Planning Tool This is a separate menu choice on the **Menu List** screen
- ESEA/NCLB Consolidated
 - Contacts tab enter district contacts for each title program and add the e-mail addresses at the bottom of the page
 - o Funding Tab Allocations Page and Topic Funding Page
 - The **Topic Funding** page displays topics only for titles which have funds available for budgeting. The "current-status" Topic Funding page must be viewed before you can access the **Budget Detail** pages for the individual title programs.

Example: You initially decide to run a program in Title IIA, but not in VA. You must initially access the **Topic Funding** page before you can get to any of the Budget Detail pages. Now, part way through your process, you decide to put some of the IIA money into VA in order to get library materials. You must:

- Make the necessary changes to the Allocations page
- Make the necessary changes on the Title IIA Budget Detail page
- View the Topic Funding page to verify that a topic is now checked for Title VA.
- Make the necessary changes to the Title VA Budget and Program pages.

Tips for Completing E-Grants:

- Read the instructions on each page
- Be sure that all required fields are entered before saving or leaving a page
- Save often
- When the Save is complete, check for any red error messages at the top of the page to make sure the data saved, and if not why not

Before Submission of Application:

- Assurances, Common and Program Authorized Representative (AR) must agree to Common Assurances and to Assurance pages for funded programs. The AR must then complete the Assurances summary tab on the far right.
- ESEA/NCLB Consolidated Private/Nonpublic School Participation tab must be completed.
 - If your district has participating private/nonpublic schools, enter the required information.
 - If your district has no private/nonpublic participants, open the page, enter a zero for the number of participating private/nonpublic schools, and SAVE THE PAGE.



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Sources of Additional Information

OPI E-Grants Web page: http://www.opi.mt.gov/ITProjects/E-Grants.html

OPI Title II, Part A Web page: http://www.opi.mt.gov/titleiiparta/

OPI Title V, Part A Web page: http://www.opi.mt.gov/titlevparta/

